

DOOMED MEN ESCAPE.

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homes, but were utilized in the search for the escaped prisoners.

The action of Harris, Osmond and Geoghegan, the three condemned murderers, who refused to accept the invitation of Pailister and Noble to their cell, was highly commended by the prison officials.

Harris afterward said that he saw nothing to be gained by escaping, and as he was an innocent man he expected to establish this fact fully some day.

It is believed that Harris's refusal to take advantage of the opportunity to escape will have some weight with the Governor in deciding his case.

The convictions of Pailister and Noble had been affirmed by the Court of Appeals, and they were soon to be taken down from Sing Sing to be resentenced to death.

Four Keepers Suspended. Warden Brown has suspended Keepers Hulse, Murphy, John Maher and Keeper Flynn.

then went to Noble's cell, which adjoined his. That was all Hulse said.

Guard Murphy's Version. When questioned, Murphy said that when he went on duty in the condemned cells he was seized by Pailister and Noble, who dragged him into Noble's cell. Pailister said to Murphy:

"You will either kill me or I'll kill you. It's a question of life or death if you will not do as I want."

Murphy says he made no resistance, and the men got an iron poker and pried their way through the roof.

"I immediately suspended Hulse and Murphy in addition to Guard Maher and Roundsman Gynn. Meanwhile I roused Warden Brown, and we started up the telephone and telegraph to different cities in the country, giving descriptions of the two men."

"What do I think of the escape of the two men?"

Exonerates Hulse and Murphy. "I have no opinion to express other than that I firmly believe that Guards Murphy and Hulse are innocent of any wilful connection with the matter. The great mistake was when Hulse opened Pailister's cell door. This

particulars, but expect to receive them later. So I cannot say anything more about the case now."

Police Suspensions. The first question that police authorities in this city asked after they learned of the circumstances attendant upon the escape of Noble and Pailister was:

"What was Pailister doing outside of his cell at that hour?"

They profess to believe that there is a screw loose somewhere and do not believe the story that Pailister could have saved enough pepper from his meal service to blind the keeper.

They point out the fact that pepper, if saved a pinch at a time, would lose its strength and become almost worthless for the purpose which Pailister is reported to have used it.

They indicate that the men must have had outside assistance from some source, though they will not directly accuse the guards of having been bribed. They sum up the whole story as "mystery."

Assistant District Attorney McIntyre, who tried Noble's case in the Court of General Sessions, looked very grave when an "Evening World" reporter communicated the news to him in the Court of Oyer and Terminer this morning. He said:

"Startling Theory. 'Noble will be a hard man to capture. He is a dangerous man to be at large, and you will remember that he tried to kill me at the time of trial. I am inclined to believe that he had outside assistance in order to effect his escape.'"

"Do you mean that the guards were bribed?" asked the reporter.

"I mean," said Mr. McIntyre, "that Noble's brother arrived in this country last week with \$14,000 in gold and with the expressed intention of liberating his brother."

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